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REPORT

TOPIC

1. Military Installation in Targowek Borough in Warsaw

2. Troops and Military Installations in and around Kohlforth (Wagimiec)

3. Troops and Military Installations in Hindenburg (Zabrze)

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1. On 17 May 1954, a unit of soldiers wearing khaki uniforms and caps with red bands was observed in a four-story building in Targowek Borough in Warsaw. The main entrance of the building was located at 24 ul. Siedlca. The sentry seen there wore a khaki uniform with a garrison cap. Four hutments were located in front of the main building. The installation, which was surrounded by a high board fence, was bounded by ul. Stalowa to the northwest and ul. Gen. Swierczewskiego to the southeast.

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2. Prior to September 1953, a WOP (border guard) unit numbering at least 100 soldiers and commanded by a captain was quartered in a former hotel just southwest of the Kohlforth railroad station. The unit which had about 20 dogs was subordinate to a headquarters in Goerlitz. It was assigned checking missions at the Kohlforth railroad station. Individuals arrested were forwarded to Goerlitz. Another WOP unit of about 100 men was stationed at Penzig (O 52/B 01). A small WOP detail was located in Niederbielau (O 52/B 02).

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3. About 250 SP men, who were employed in the "Ksawask" brown coal pit (Grube Stadt Goerlitz), were quartered in billets just east of the WOP billets and south of the Kohlforth railroad station. The SP personnel wore brown uniforms with white-bordered red collar patches and garrison caps.

4. Prior to December 1953, no Polish Army troops were stationed at Kohlforth. In the summer of 1953, about 250 soldiers were temporarily quartered in two school buildings south of the railroad station. At this time, three tanks and signal troops constructing a telephone line were observed. From June to September 1953, field telephone lines were frequently constructed toward Goerlitz and Lauban (O 52/B 20). In August 1953, Polish soldiers were quartered in billets in the town of Niederlangenau (O 52/B 11). In July and August 1953, Polish soldiers wearing khaki uniforms with red service color were quartered at the Oberbielau estate (O 52/B 21). Toward the end of the summer of 1953, Polish troops were also observed at Wuenschendorf (O 52/B 20).

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5. A Pole, a member of the 1931 class, was inducted in the fall of 1952 and assigned to a unit stationed in Goerlitz/East. In March 1953, this unit moved to a barracks installation in Breslau. While on leave in Kohlfurth, this soldier wore a khaki uniform with red service color. He presumably belonged to an AAA unit.

6. In mid-October 1953, about six guns with elevated barrels were observed in the former Polizei Kaserne in Hindenburg. The installation was apparently occupied to capacity. The soldiers quartered there wore blue-gray uniforms and apparently belonged to the air force.

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7. On 4 October 1953, a member of the 1933 class was registered for the second time. The registration was held in a villa on 3d May Street, at the terminal of streetcar line No 3, on the southern outskirts of Hindenburg. On the occasion of this second registration, for which no members of the 194 class were called, about 60 percent of the individuals involved were drafted for short periods.

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Members of the 1934 class were registered for the first time shortly before 4 October 1953. 4

8. Prior to early November 1953, various hutments for military labor units were located in and around Hindenburg. The men of one labor unit worked in the former Ludwigsglueck Grube (pit). The billets of this unit were located on the east side of ul. Dr Hagera Bronislawa. Another unit worked at the former Koenigin Luise Grube. The hutments which quartered this unit were located in the eastern sector of Hindenburg. In October 1953, a building similar to a barracks installation was under construction near these hutments. Another military labor unit was quartered in billets north of Hindenburg, just north of the autobahn and west of ul. Dr Hagera Bronislawa. Each labor unit apparently had battalion strength.

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1. Comment. There are indications that a ration supply depot is involved.

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2. Comment. In the summer months, military exercises are usually held in the area east and northeast of Goerlitz.

3. Comment. The statements of several resettlers indicated that this barracks installation quartered an AAA unit. Soldiers wearing red service color were last reported in April 1953. In August 1950 a militia stand-by battalion whose soldiers wore gray-blue uniforms was observed at the installation.

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4. Comment. The induction of the bulk of the 1933 class in the fall of 1953 is confirmed. Members of the 1934 class were inducted at the same time.

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